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SUBJ: VISIT BY SENATOR HENRY L. BELLMON

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1. BANGKOK AND VICINITY PRESENTS SEVERAL POTENTIALLY REWARDING TOURS FOR SENATOR BELLMON AND HIS PARTY. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON AGRICULTURE, TRAVEL TO ALL AREAS WILL PROVIDE A GLIMPSE OF RURAL LIFE AND PADDY LANDS. THREE CULTURAL PARKS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THAI LIFE, PAST AND PRESENT, ARE DESCRIBED BELOW IN ORDER OF RECOMMENDATION. ALL CAN BE VISITED IN ONE DAY WITH TIME FOR SHOPPING. IN ADDITION, SENATOR BELLMON MAY ELECT TO VISIT TEMPLES AND MARKET AREAS WITHIN BANGKOK.

A. ANCIENT CITY - A CULTURAL PARK LOCATED 20 MILES SOUTH OF BANGKOK WHICH CONTAINS REPLICAS OF SIGNIFICANT TEMPLES, RUINS AND HISTORIC SITES FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF THAILAND.

B. ROSE GARDEN - ANOTHER CULTURAL PARK 15 MILES EAST OF BANGKOK THE LANDSCAPED GROUNDS INCLUDE VARIOUS SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS AS WELL AS AN EXHIBITION AREA WHERE THAI CLASSICAL DANCING AND TRADITIONAL BOXING DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD.

C. TIMLAND-AN ORDER AND NOW LESS POPULAR PARK OFFERING PROGRAMMS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE ROSE GARDEN.

2. FSO BRUCE STRATHEARN WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT.

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WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING NAME OF HOTEL SO RESERVATIONS CAN BE CONFIRMED.

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